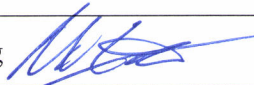
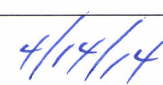


LAND USE PLAN (LUP) AMENDMENT / MAINTENANCE SHEET			
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LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES ¹			
Item	Page	Paragraph	Change Description
2014-02-001	20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>• Allocate to wildlife 4,232 active AUMs of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and 4,026 active AUMs of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF). The relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,232 AUMs) on the Sunday School Canyon #08814, Horse Point #08825) McClelland #08826, Winter Ridge #08827) and West Water Point # #08833 Allotments to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was transacted on January 19, 2010. These AUMs are allocated to wildlife as authorized in the Management Decision FOR-8.</u> <u>• The relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,026 AUMs) on the Atchee Ridge Allotment to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) was transacted on December 8, 2010. These AUMs are allocated to wildlife as authorized in the Management Decision FOR-8.</u>
2014-02-002	27-28		<p><u>The relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,232 AUMs) on the Sunday School Canyon #08814, Horse Point #08825) McClelland #08826, Winter Ridge #08827) and West Water Point # #08833 Allotments to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was transacted on January 19, 2010.</u></p> <p><u>The relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,026 AUMs) on the Atchee Ridge Allotment to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) was transacted on December 8, 2010.</u></p> <p><u>These AUMs (8,258) are allocated to wildlife as authorized in the Management Decision FOR-8.</u></p>
2013-02-003	45		<u>The five-six WSAs and the one Instant Study Area are managed as exclusion areas for rights-of-way.</u>
2014-02-004	82	FOR-8	<p><u>The relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,232 AUMs) on the Sunday School Canyon #08814, Horse Point #08825) McClelland #08826, Winter Ridge #08827) and West Water Point # #08833 Allotments to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was transacted on January 19, 2010.</u></p> <p><u>The relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,026 AUMs) on the Atchee Ridge Allotment to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) was transacted on December 8, 2010.</u></p>

¹ Page references and paragraph numbering on this LUP Maintenance Sheet correspond to the Vernal ROD / Approved RMP reissued in June 2009.

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2014-02-005	83	FOR-10	AUMs will be allocated for all localities as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 138,402<u>130,152</u> AUMs for livestock • 104,865<u>113,115</u> AUMs for wildlife • 2,340 AUMs for wild horses
RATIONALE / JUSTIFICATION			
<u>Changes 2014-02-001, 2014-02-002, 2014-02-004, and 2014-02-005</u> In 1989, the BLM and the State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) identified a need to pursue alternatives to restore and maintain properly functioning ecosystems in the Upper Book Cliffs area. These needs included wildlife and livestock forage and primitive outdoor experiences. Privately owned ranches in the Upper Book Cliffs became available for purchase. The Nature Conservancy and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation were able to purchase two ranches in the area. The BLM and the UDWR reached agreement at that time for the allocation of the AUMs from the two ranches to be allocated to wildlife, while other grazing permittees on the allotments would continue to graze in accordance with their permitted use. The Approved RMP allocates the active livestock AUMs permitted to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) (4,232) and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) (4,026) to wildlife. The change of AUMs from livestock to wildlife and the resulting management of the canyon bottoms and riparian zones will help improve the lands and maintain the BLM Utah Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management for the area. For this reason, the overall change of 8,250 AUMs from livestock to wildlife provides for improved wildlife herd management within the Book Cliffs area while providing appropriate forage for livestock. See the attached letters that record the reallocation of 8,250 AUMs from grazing to wildlife. <u>Change 2014-02-003</u> The number of Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) is corrected.			
		SIGNATURES	DATE
Program Lead		Kelly Buckner	04-08-2014
Environmental Coordinator		Kelly Buckner	04-08-2014
Field Office Manager		Michael Stiewig 	4/14/14 



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December 8, 2010

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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4308250

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7010 1670 0001 2223 2927

Tom Toman
Director of Conservation
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
5705 Grant Creek Rd
Missoula MT 597808

Dear Mr. Toman:

The recorded documents verifying the relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,026 AUMs) on the Atchee Ridge Amp Allotment #08824 are enclosed.

These AUMs are allocated to wildlife as authorized in the current Land Use Plan.

We have canceled your grazing permit authorization #4308250. The BLM will send no further notice in this relinquishment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Faircloth
Assistant Field Manager
Renewable Resources

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February 23, 2010

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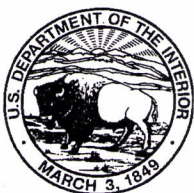
Dear Mr. Toman:

This letter is to formalize consent by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, as the owner of base property in the Book Cliffs, to the relinquishment by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation of the 4,026 AUMs reallocated to wildlife in the Vernal RMP, and to the termination of the escrow agreement under which the AUMs are held.

Sincerely,

James F. Karpowitz
Director





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January 19, 2010

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED:

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The Nature Conservancy
% Chris Montague
559 E South Temple
Salt Lake City UT 84102-1004

Dear Mr. Montague:

Enclosed please find the recorded documents verifying the relinquishment of the livestock grazing preference (4,232 AUMs) on the Sunday School Canyon # 08814, Horse Point #08825, McClelland #08826, Winter Ridge #08827 and West Water Point #08833 Allotments.

These AUMs are allocated to wildlife as authorized in the current Land Use Plan.

The BLM will send no further notice in this relinquishment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Faircloth
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November 3, 2009

Chris Montague
The Nature Conservancy
559 East South Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

Tim Faircloth
Bureau of Land Management
Vernal Field Office
170 South 500 East
Vernal, Utah 84078-2799

Dear Mr. Montague and Mr. Faircloth:

This letter is to formalize consent by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, as the owner of the base property currently leased to The Nature Conservancy, to the relinquishment by The Nature Conservancy of 4,232 AUMs in the Vernal Field Office area and the cessation of the grazing preference association with the base property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James F. Karpowitz".

James F. Karpowitz
Director

